

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: February 3, 2017
Re: Approval of a request submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Music and Dance to change the names of the Minor in Music Technology, and the Theory and Composition concentration in the B.A. in Music

At its meeting on February 2, 2017, the Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved changing the name of the Minor in Music Technology to Minor in “Music Technology and Business,” and the name of the Theory and Composition concentration in the B.A. in Music to “Composition and Theory.”

The Minor in Music Technology was approved a little over a year ago with the name “Music Technology and Business.” Therefore, the Department of Music and Dance wishes to correct the accidental truncation of the name. A letter of support for the name correction was provided by the Dean of the Grossman School of Business (Sanjay Sharma).

The rationale for the request to change the name of the B.A. in Music concentration in “Theory and Composition” to “Composition and Theory” is three-fold: 1) demand and staffing have not allowed the Department to offer theory and analysis courses beyond the required core sequence, 2) virtually all recent students in the concentration have elected to do a final project in composition rather than theory, and 3) “Theory and Composition” is inevitably abbreviated to “Theory,” which the Department feels is misleading.

Both name change requests were approved by the Department of Music and Dance, and the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and faculty.

NOTE – Changes to concentration names do not require approval by the Faculty Senate, however the changes were presented and considered together at the Curricular Affairs Committee meeting and are therefore being presented together in this report.